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JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS OVERCHARGED BORROWERS

Farm Loan Board Admits Illegal Exactions by Some Concerns

Washington, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Charges of Senator Smoot and other Senators that borrowers from joint stock land banks in some cases had been charged illegal premiums were declared sustained in a report made to the Senate today by Chairman Leboldt, of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

In a letter Mr. Leboldt said: "That such charges have been made we have no reason to believe. Individual cases have been called to our attention and field investigation has developed others. Considering the number of loans involved and the opportunity for extortions we believe they have been surprisingly few."

Chairman Leboldt added that the loans, which he learned the borrowers were required to subscribe for the stock of two joint stock banks at a premium in order to secure loans, had turned an order stopping the practice and requiring the banks to take up the stock and to repay premium plus interest.

Chairman Leboldt reported that the Federal Farm Loan Board's funds were temporarily augmented to use for borrowers as a result of the recent sale of \$15,000,000 of farm loan bonds and accumulation of other funds. Total applications for loans on January 1 aggregated \$142,000,000.

WHISKY THIEVES JAILED

Long Terms for Two Who Held Up Bootlegger

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 27.—Taylor Freeman and Herbert King, of Washington, D. C., recently convicted of holding up and robbing a bootlegger near West Grove over a year ago, were sentenced today by Judge Butler to pay fines of \$1000 each and serve terms in the Eastern Penitentiary of 10 years, plus a fine of \$1000.

Three other members of the gang who pleaded guilty or were convicted were sentenced to similar terms some time ago. They were Leroy Mason, Aaron Freethenberg and C. C. McCurley, all of Washington.

The men held up the automobile of a bootlegger, secured it and ninety gallons of whisky and sold the booty in Washington.

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Chicago Market Quotations Dropped
Cent a Day for Ten Days

Chicago, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Cheap eggs for Lent were signalled today by a new drop in quotations. Today's prices showed a fall of a cent a dozen per dozen for ten days.

The marketable quotation for first-quality eggs here today was twenty-four cents, as against thirty-four cents on the corresponding day a year ago, as well as for ten days back this season.

Mild weather and big receipts were the reason assigned for the decline in the egg market, a decline in notable contrast with advancing values of late for other farm produce.

TWO SLEEPING GIRLS KILLED

Third Shot At, but Unhurt—Man Attempts Suicide While Fleeing

Marietta, Tex., Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Two young women were shot and killed while sleeping early today and a third young woman was fired at but escaped injury, about thirty miles east of Plainview, according to advice received here.

The young women killed were Miss Solomon and a Miss Umberson. The tragedy occurred at the home of the latter. The young woman who was fired at was a Miss Wilson.

A young man named Upton attempted to kill himself while being chased by officers, the advice said.

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